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- 7) Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of each of the references AC and AE to AM by category (A = technological background, general state of art; and Y = relevant for obviousness in connection with another publication of the same category). Thereby, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance has been satisfied (see M.P.E.P. §609).

8) Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to the applicants and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

9) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 16 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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